

REMARKS

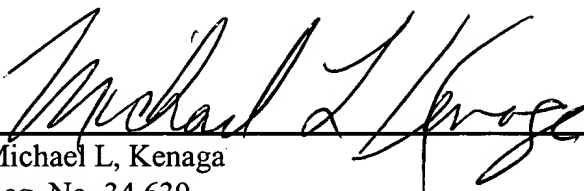
Applicants elect the claims of Group I. While the office action identifies claims 1-20 as pending, Applicants note that the preliminary amendment of March 26, 2001 canceled claims 7 and 14. Therefore, Group I relates to claims 1-6 and 15-17 (and does not include canceled claim 7).

As an aside, Applicants note that Group II relates to claims 8-13 and 18-20 (and not claims 45-50). Applicants by this amendment have canceled claims 8-13 and 18-20. Therefore the elected claims 1-6 and 15-17 are the only claims presently pending.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if a telephone interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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